

TOWN OF AMENIA
Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2008
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Business Workshop Meeting** to order at 7:02 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Myrnie Hoazl recommended that town board carefully review Cablevision Franchise Agreement, as Cablevision recently eliminated channels and upgrade of required cable box has not allowed some Amenia citizens to continue receiving Channel 22.

Tom Werner stated that he cannot access Channel 22 with upgrade of required cable box.

Supervisor Euvrard advised that town is in the process of reviewing agreement for senior discount, and upgraded equipment for video presentations. Channel 22 access issues will also be reviewed with Roger Connor of Cablevision.

Frankie O'Connell commented on town ethics issue regarding letter, dated August 7, 2008 to Planning Board from Councilwoman Doyle and requested that action be taken by the town board.

Bill Carroll requested that Councilwoman Doyle's ethics issue be reviewed by the State Ethics Committee.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported that Town Clerk's office will closed on Monday, October 13th for Columbus Day.

Grants

Mike Hagerty reported that CDBG application forms for Nelson Bridge repair have been completed and filed with Dutchess County.

Councilwoman Doyle reported that Town of Amenia has applied for 2009 Dance Program in the amount of \$2,200 under the Ann and Abe Effron Foundation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water Committee

Mae Jones –Chair, reported that water meter installations have been extended through the end of October '08.

Recreation Commission

Tom Werner recommended appointment of **Shawn Howard** to Recreation Commission.

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Supervisor Euvrard reported that three (3) applications have been received. Five-member board is required. Continued effort will be made to accept additional volunteers.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to appoint **Shawn Howard** to Recreation Commission thru expiration date of March 2010.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Ethics Committee

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECONDED by Councilwoman Doyle to **refer** ethics issue subject: Councilwoman Doyle] to the Ethics Committee for their review.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Amenia Downtown Revitalization – Mechanic Street Project

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Doyle to ACCEPT the lowest bid from **Con-Tech Construction Technology, Inc.** in the amount of \$156,184.00.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS (Cont'd)

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to Authorize Town Clerk to advertise specifications for **Town of Amenia snow removal contract** in Millerton News.

Bids to be received by Wednesday, November 12, 2008. Bid opening at Business Workshop Meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2008.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Doyle requested that approval of September 11th and 18th, 2008 Town Board Minutes be postponed to October 16th, 2008 Town Board Meeting.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to change **Transfer Station** per load Prices for **Pick-up Truck** (8ft) to **\$40** and **Trailer** (12-16ft) to **\$50**.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Euvrard, as member of Amenia Lions Club, presented the **Melvin Jones Fellowship** award to fellow Lions Club member, **James Devine**.

Local Law #1 of 1988 (Flood Damage Protection) needs to be amended. Supervisor Euvrard will contact Town Attorney, Michael Hayes.

Town of Amenia Employee Handbook Manual: Election Day Closed for staff.-PT paid/unpaid. Further discussion planned for next town board meeting.

Plastics #1, 2, 3, 5 & 7 are now recyclable at Transfer Station.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Peter Clair quoted portions of State Ethics Commission law and requested that correspondence (emails) between Councilwoman Doyle and Joel Russell (ref: Silo Ridge Project) become part of Town Board Minutes.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to ADJOURN meeting at 8:40 pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: November 5, 2008

Approved by Town Board: November 13, 2008 **S/Euvrard, C/Cayea, C/Pelkey**

